

Remarks

By this amendment, Claims 1-2 are canceled, Claims 3-8 are amended, thereby leaving Claims 11-13 and 15 unchanged. Claims 8-10, 14 and 16-18 were withdrawn in response to the Restriction Requirement of September 22, 2008. Applicants acknowledge with thanks the Examiner's indication that Claims 3 and 12 contain allowable subject matter and that Claims 6, 7, 11, 13 and 15 would be allowable if the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112 are overcome.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 5-7, 11, 13 and 15 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, for being indefinite. The limitation "the base section" in Claim 5, line 3 lacked antecedent basis. Claim 5 has been amended to overcome this rejection. Claims 6 and 7 contain the limitations of claim 5 and have been written to set forth "a base section". Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

35 U.S.C. §102 Rejections

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Lopez et al. (USPN 3,626,544).

Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled.

Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitation of Claims 1 and 2. Claims 4, 5 and 12 depend from Claim 3 and are allowable for the same and other reasons. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Claims 6 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5. Claims 11 and 13 depend from Claim 6 and are allowable for the same and other reasons.

Claim 8 has been amended, such that claims 8-10, 14 and 16-18 depend from claim 6. Claim 6 is drawn to the elected species. Reconsideration of the Restriction Requirement in view of the present amendments and re-entry and allowance of Claims 8-10, 14 and 16-18 is respectfully requested.

Claim 7 has been rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of Claims 1, 2, 4 and 5. Claim 15 depends from Claim 7 and is allowable for the same and other reasons.

In view of the foregoing, allowance of claims 3-18 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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